

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2005

Mr. Jon Rawlson
Presiding

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Representatives

Commissioner Ron Pritchard, Brevard County
Commissioner Welton Cadwell, Lake County
Commissioner Robert Pool, Lake County
Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Orange County
Councilwoman Joie Alexander, Volusia County
Councilman Arthur Giles, Volusia County

Municipal Representatives

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, City of Orlando
Mr. Ed Booth, Space Coast League of Cities, Malabar
Mayor John Land, Tri-County League of Cities, Apopka
Commissioner Michael Blake, Tri-County League of Cities, Winter Springs
Vice Mayor Mary Martin, Volusia County League of Cities, Port Orange

Gubernatorial Appointees

Mr. Malcolm McLouth, Brevard County
Ms. Janice Kershaw, Brevard County
Commissioner Evelyn Smith, City of Eustis
Mr. Jon Rawlson, Orange County
Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Orange County
Ms. Nancy Acevedo, Seminole County
Ms. Maryam Ghyabi, Volusia County

Ex-Officio and Other Municipal Representatives

Ms. Nancy Christman, SJRWMD
Mr. Dick Baron for Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Mr. Thomas Genovese, SFWMD

Staff

Mr. Jeff Jones
Ms. Susan Caswell
Mr. Fred Milch
Mr. Mark Sievers
Ms. Claudia Paskauskas
Ms. Lelia Hars
Ms. Andrea Fant
Mr. Gerald Livingston, ECFRPC Counsel

Other Attendees

Mr. Tom Burke, Lake/Sumter MPO
Mr. Jon Weiss, FDOT
Mr. Roland Magyar, Town of Oakland Planning
Commissioner Mona Phipps, Town of Oakland
Mr. Chris Testerman, Orange County Planning
Mr. Harold Barley, MetroPlan Orlando
Mr. James Palmer, Palmer Reifler & Associates, P.A.
Ms. Cecelia Bonifay, Akerman Senterfitt
Mr. Ron Manley, Canin Associates, Inc.

Members not in Attendance

Commissioner Helen Voltz, Brevard County
Commissioner Homer Hartage, Orange County
Commissioner Bill Lane, Osceola County
Clerk of the Courts Larry Whaley, Osceola County
Commissioner Bob Dallari, Seminole County
Commissioner Randy Morris, Seminole County
Vice Mayor Wendell McKinnon, Tri-County League of Cities, Kissimmee
Councilman William Harvey, City of Deltona
Ms. Maria Grulich, Osceola County
Ms. Vivian Garfein, FDEP
Ms. Lennon Moore, FDOT
Mr. Gibson, City of Sanford

I. CALL TO ORDER AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Rawlson called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. Ms. Fant called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rawlson offered the August 2005 minutes for consideration.

MOTION: Mr. McLouth moved to approve the August 2005 minutes. Vice Mayor Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Rawlson offered for consideration the August 2005 financial reports.

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobs moved for approval of the August 2005 financial reports. Mayor Land seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. RESOLUTION ON ECFRPC'S MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN AND TRUST – Mr. Jeff Jones

Mr. Jones stated the Money Purchase Pension Plan and Trust outlines the ECFRPC trust fund, specifically how the funds are to be distributed. Mr. Jones noted the IRS reduced the mandatory cash out distribution limit to \$1,000. Mr. Jones stated the resolution is simply authorization to make the IRS changes to the trust fund account.

MOTION: Commissioner Blake moved the Council approve the resolution. Mr. McLouth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM APPROVAL – Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, Treasurer

Commissioner Jacobs noted the Regional Visioning Program was added to the work program. Additionally, she noted the Central Florida Smart Growth Alliance will serve as the steering committee for the Regional Visioning Program.

Mr. Rawlson made note of the Brownfields Redevelopment Workshop held in August. He stated the Council did an excellent job of serving the public and providing information regarding brownfields. Mr. Jones noted the workshop was filmed by Orange TV and would run nightly over the next couple of weeks. Also, Mr. Jones made note of the agency summit as part of the current work program. He stated the summit was a 2004 agenda item that received support by the Council, but was postponed due to the hurricanes. He stated if the work program is adopted, planning for the summit would begin in 2005. Mr. Rawlson noted the summit would be held as a retreat.

Commissioner Pritchard stated he asked the counties to create a map that includes all land reserved for conservation. He asked Mr. Jones if ECFRPC staff would work in conjunction with the counties to create a new conservation map. Mr. Jones replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Jacobs offered the work program for consideration.

MOTION: Mr. McLouth moved approval of the work program. Commissioner Cadwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs referred everyone to the proposed budget. She noted there was an adjustment on page 29 to include the salary of the new Executive Director position. Additionally, Commissioner Jacobs stated the executive and finance committees decided to undertake a compensation study to make sure the ECFRPC staff is fairly paid. She stated the budget does not reflect salary adjustments for the entire ECFRPC staff or technical staffing for the Visioning steering committee. Commissioner Jacobs stated the executive and finance committees voted to bring the budget, with the increased salary of the new Executive Director position, to the Council.

MOTION: Commissioner Cadwell moved approval of the budget. Ms. Ghyabi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs offered the budget amendments for consideration.

MOTION: Commissioner Cadwell moved approval of the budget amendments. Commissioner Pool seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PLAZA COLLINA – Mr. Fred Milch

Mr. Milch stated the Applicant would like an extension on its hearing. Ms. Cecilia Bonifay, representing the Applicant, requested review of Plaza Collina be postponed until next month's Council meeting, which is October 19, 2005.

Commissioner Blake noted the Council had to review another DRI in October. Mr. Jones stated International Corporate Park (ICP) is to be heard next month. He commented ICP should move forward fairly quickly because there were no foreseeable problems.

Mayor Land asked if there would be any agencies or members of the public absent next month. There was no reply.

Ms. Bonifay noted Plaza Collina participants and ECFRPC staff held a meeting last week, which brought about more issues and conditions. She stated it was the consensus to delay the Council's review until next month. She stated she is hopeful the group will come to some agreement after more dialogue.

MOTION: Commissioner Blake moved to postpone the Plaza Collina review until next month. Commissioner Pool seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. DRI UPDATE – Mr. Fred Milch

Mr. Milch stated there is a follow up review for the ICP DRI scheduled in October. He stated a Bronson DRI review was scheduled for October, but the Applicant requested an extension until November. He noted the Bronson DRI will mostly include issues of traffic.

Mr. Rawlson inquired about the number of DRIs in Osceola County. Mr. Jones stated the staff will begin briefing the Council on the Osceola DRIs in the near future. Mr. Jones stated there are six DRIs on the east side of Lake Tohopekaliga. Mr. Genovese stated South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is in the process of developing a long term management plan to maintain environmental health. The plan includes west and east Lake Tohopekaliga. Mr. Genovese stated several agencies are involved in the study and it should be completed by September 2006. He stated he suggested to Mr. Jones that SFWMD employees be allowed to present an update on the long term management study. Mr. Rawlson agreed it would be a good idea to hear SFWMD's presentation.

Commissioner Pritchard asked if the Council had developed a density standard for the region. Mr. Jones stated the Council has never adopted a standard for residential and/or nonresidential. He stated, however, the Regional Visioning Program will explore issues concerning density and discuss whether the region can accommodate doubling of the population over the next 40 – 50 years. Vice Mayor Martin stated the Smart Growth Alliance is trying to develop a standard. Mr. Jones made mention of the Strategic Regional Plan of 1998, which outlines the goals and policies of development for the region. Mr. Jones stated members of the Regional Visioning Program will incorporate their ideas into the Strategic Regional Plan.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chairman Jon Rawlson

Mr. Rawlson noted Mr. Steve Bernard, The Par Group, would be in Orlando until tomorrow. He stated Mr. Bernard will be conducting interviews with ECFRPC staff, Council members, and stakeholders.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Jeff Jones

Mr. Jones had nothing to report.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Martin stated she has encouraged Port Orange to get involved with the Katrina relief. She stated the City of Port Orange has adopted Long Beach, Mississippi and are working with the fire and police department in providing assistance to various Long Beach businesses. She recommended city representatives do something to encourage their residents to help those victimized by Hurricane Katrina. Mayor Land stated the Tri-County League of Cities were also doing their part in helping Katrina victims.

Commissioner Cadwell made note of a statewide Impact Fee Task Force meeting on Friday at 10:00 AM at the Orlando Airport. He stated the Friday meeting will be the only one that permits public input.

Mr. O'Keefe made note of the quarterly meeting of the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River. He stated he and Mayor Land attended the meeting last night. He commented the Wekiva River has been designated as a Wild and Scenic River and is the only one in the State of Florida. He stated there is federal funding available to protect the Wekiva River and Basin. He noted he would keep the

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Council updated on the management plan for the Wekiva River. Mr. Jones noted Mr. O'Keefe is the ECFRPC representative and Mayor Land is the Apopka representative on the committee.

Commissioner Smith read an article from the Orlando Sentinel titled *Civic Pride Evident in Action*. Additionally, she noted there would be an Open Space Workshop held in Eustis on October 12, 2005. The workshop is open to the public and will address the definition and regulation of open space within the City of Eustis.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Approved by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 19th day of October 2005.

Mr. Jon Rawlson